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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH MRS MEIR: NO PRESSURE FROM US

1. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED APRIL 16 WITH ISRALI
NEWWSPAPER MRS MEIR MADE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL
REMARKS IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT HER RECENT VISIT TO US.

2. INTERVIEW OCCURED APRIL 9. SHE SAID SHE WAS HAPPY
THAT SHE COULD TELL PRESIDENT NIXON THE TRUTH -- THAT
EVERYTHING HE PROMISED TO ISRAEL, HE FULFILLED.
IN HER INITIAL TALKS AT THE STATE DEPT IT BECAME CLEAR TO HER
THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THE MID EAST SITUATION, NEITHER
FROM HUSSEIN HOR FROM ISMAIL. SHE SAID FURTHER THA NO
PRESSURE WAS APPLIED TO ISRAEL TO MAKE CONCESSIONS OR TO BE MORE
FLEXIBLE. SHE COULD NOT PROMISE THAT RELATIONS WITH US WOULD
ALWAYS REMAIN AS GOOD AS THEY ARE BUT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
AT SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT ISRAEL WAS RECEIVING FROM US.

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3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT FUTURE US- ISRAELI RELATIONS, MRS MEIR SAID SHE WAS NOT PREPARED TO FORECAST WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT. ONE THING WAS CERTAIN; IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE US WOULD NOT TRY TO DO SOMETHING IN MIDDLE EAST. SHE RECALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO' S REMARKS THAT BIG POWERS CANNOT ENFORCE SOLUTION, BUT SAID SHE COULD NOT BE SURE THAT US EFFORTS WOULD PERHAPS NOT BRING ABOUT AGREEMENT OR AT LEAST DEBATE BETWEEN PARTIES.

4. IN BRIEF COMMENT ON STEWART ALSOP' S ARTICLE ABOUT ISRAEL' S " MASADA COMPLEX", SHE RECALLED THAT HE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON THAT FOLLOWING VISIT OF HUSSEIN AND ISMAIL, CERTAIN MOVEMENT IN MID EAST SIAUATION WOULD BEGIN, AND " I CAMEAND KILLED." BUT FACT IS, SHE CONTINUED, PEOPLE WHO TALKED TO HUSSEIN AND ALSO TO ISMAIL DO NOT CLAIM SO.

5. MRS MEIR SAID ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT SHE WOULD RUN FOR PRIMIN WOULD COME " WITHIN A FEW WEEKS." ZURHELLEN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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